Dress of lawyers.

37 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from certain Bar Associations about the desirability of changing the dress of lawyers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on the same?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The High Court have decided that any change in the rules regarding the dress of lawyers is not necessary at present.

Lawyers' professional dress.

38. MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the copies of the resolutions passed by the several Bar Associations attached to Civil Courts, regarding the change in the lawyers' professional dress in the manner prescribed by the Press Communique issued on the 20th April 1942, have been submitted to the Government and the High Court; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon by the Government or the High Court?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to the reply to part (*b*) of the interpellation No. 37.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reasons which weighed with the High Court to come to this decision?

PRESIDENT: Probably the inconvenience of wearing black gowns over white jubbas. A better method would be to change the colour of the gowns to white. That will make things easier.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: There are certain classes of vakils on whom it is not obligatory to wear gowns. So, may I request the Government to see that the High Court is moved to reconsider the question so far as those vakils are concerned.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is a matter for future action.

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